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In Memoriam

The tight-knit UMSL library community lost two of its longest-tenured employees this summer as Reference Librarian Clinton Berry passed away on July 13, 2018, and recently retired Archivist William “Zelli” Fischetti passed on July 21, 2018. The two combined for over 50 years of service to the UMSL community.

CLINTON BERRY

Clinton spent his entire career as a professional librarian at UMSL, beginning in 1996. As a Reference Librarian for the last 22 years, he assisted thousands of faculty, students, staff, and members of the general public during that time. Clinton was a recognized ceramics artist with his pottery being displayed in various galleries from New York City to the Delmar Loop, as well as photographs of his work being published in two books. He was a longtime volunteer with the St. Louis Craft Alliance. His personal interests included cooking (he was a chef in New York City for eight years), community gardening, and livestock conservation (yes – livestock conservation!). Before coming to UMSL he worked for Viking Cruise Lines and traveled the oceans of the world for six years. Clinton was a unique talent and valued colleague who will be sorely missed.



ZELLI FISCHETTI

Anyone coming to the UMSL Libraries asking for “William Fischetti” would likely be met with blank stares as he was universally known as “Zelli.” He volunteered for the infantry in the United States Army and served one tour of combat in Vietnam from 1965-1966. Zelli began his affiliation with UMSL in the late 1980’s acquiring a BS in Secondary Education followed by a Master of Arts in History in 1992, both granted by UMSL. Zelli began working as a graduate assistant in 1990 with what was then known as the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection (WHMC) which is now the State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis (SHSMO). He rose eventually to direct the unit until his retirement in 2016. He continued to volunteer as an archivist with the St. Louis Mercantile Library until his death. Zelli leaves behind a large number of grieving relatives, friends, colleagues, and a fully restored vintage 1950 Ford Custom Deluxe.



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LibGuides at the Library

A new research guide and database management system, LibGuides, was recently set up in the Libraries. LibGuides enables librarians to more easily create, revise and enhance guides for students and faculty. Guides for most major subject areas and departments have already been created and additional guides can be created for special topics and classes. The system is designed to be mobile-friendly, flexible and easily maintained. When links or other details are updated on the database list, the changes will flow automatically into the subject and topic guides.

To see the changes, go to the library’s page at <http://www.umsl.edu/library> and click on the “Search Individual Databases” and the “Research Guides” links on the library’s homepage. Choose your favorite subject area, or browse through the other options (such as News, E-Books, Images, or Primary Sources).

As the year progresses we will continue to add new content and updates. We hope that this system will make it easier for everyone to find resources they need for papers, projects and research. Your suggestions and feedback are welcome!

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St. Louis Mercantile Library-A Resource for Faculty

The Mercantile Library's diverse collections and special exhibitions are a ready resource for faculty research as well as to expand your students' educational experience. The Library has deep collections in transportation history, including the Barriger Railroad Library – the largest railroad library in North America – and the Pott Waterways Library that regularly gets referrals from the Smithsonian when our collections can answer questions that theirs cannot. These collections include historic publications, museum-quality models, vintage railroad equipment, and pilot wheels from historic Mississippi River steamboats that bring history alive for our visitors. The fine art collection includes works by Missouri artists that illustrate the many facets of regional and national history, as well as sculpture by nationally known artists on literary and historic themes. These works of art expand students' thinking on St. Louis history, Westward Expansion, and American literature. The Shopmaker Political collection galleries feature presidential election ephemera and political prints from the 18th – 21st centuries. Opening in October are two new exhibitions; *Selling the President: Campaign Materials from Cigars to Cappuccino* and *The Soldier Presidents*.



Our current major exhibition, *Headlines of History: Historic Newspapers of St. Louis and the World Through the Centuries at the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association*, is an unprecedented presentation of the role of newspapers in American life, including every aspect of the papers from headlines to the funny papers. Political cartoons illustrate major issues across time, just as the headlines and photojournalism convey the impact of epic events in world history. *Headlines of History* is open through October 2019, so there is still time to bring your class to experience history first-hand.



As you plan your future course offerings, keep in mind our upcoming exhibitions. In 2020, the Shopmaker Political galleries will feature *Getting Out the Vote: An Examination of Voting in America*. The exhibition explores the many ways parties, candidates, and interest groups have tried to encourage voter participation, as well as the variety of materials on which variations of the slogan were printed. Among the major themes are universal suffrage, voting rights, and gerrymandering, as well as procedures for the process of voting. In 2021, the Library will celebrate its 175th anniversary with a special exhibition on the meaning of Americana, drawing from the breadth and depth of Mercantile collections related to the exploration of the continent, Westward Expansion, and the role St. Louis played in this pivotal moment in American history.



We can help you encourage research with primary source documents through a class visit to our Reading Room where an archivist will give an overview of our collections and procedures. To give your class a deeper look at a special collection, you can schedule a free tour with one of our experienced docents. To start these arrangements, phone 314-516-7281 or email MercantileLibrary@umsl.edu.

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Faculty Profiles, the Institutional Repository Library, and the UMSL Strategic Plan

The UMSL Faculty SelectedWorks Profiles are a service provided by the University's [Institutional Repository Library \(irl.ums.edu\)](http://irl.ums.edu). The profiles showcase the works of individual faculty members and highlight their expertise. Profiles are being created for all tenured and tenure track faculty by the Library, in partnership with the Office of Research Administration (ORA). The profiles collect and share interesting readership metrics, such as a map of where profile visitors are from.

The partnership between the Library and ORA arose to meet goals established in the UMSL Strategic Plan 2018-23, now in its final draft - [UMSL Strategic Plan Website \(http://www.ums.edu/services/academic/strategic-plan/index.html\)](http://www.ums.edu/services/academic/strategic-plan/index.html).

One of those goals is to “enhance and expand the capabilities of the Office of Research Administration (ORA) to increase research and creative support” by creating a searchable database of “faculty areas of expertise”. The UMSL IRL is that database. It will include an increasing number of faculty as the project picks up speed: <https://works.bepress.com/experts/university-of-missouri-st-louis/>.



A Faculty Expertise Survey is currently being developed with the aim of helping faculty identify and better share their research capabilities, and research interests. Every tenure track and tenured faculty member will have a profile by the summer of 2019. Be on the lookout for the UMSL Faculty Expertise Survey and find out more about this project on our [Faculty Expertise Guide \(https://libguides.ums.edu/facultyexpertise\)](https://libguides.ums.edu/facultyexpertise).

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OER at UMSL

The UMSL Library in collaboration with the Center for Teaching and Learning is working to champion Affordable and Open Educational Resources. Rising costs of educational materials have many professors looking for alternatives to expensive textbooks, and UMSL and the University of Missouri System are supporting them with the UM System Affordable & Open Educational Resources (A&OER) initiative (find out more at <https://www.umsystem.edu/ums/aa/oer>).



- OER—Open Educational Resources: Often described as open textbooks, these free teaching materials are available with an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others, and include more than just textbooks. They can be found from repositories such as OpenStax, OER Commons, and Open Textbook Network.
- AER—Affordable Educational Resources: If the course materials cost \$40 or less it counts as AER. One example of this would be e-books sold through AutoAccess at the Triton Bookstore.

The UMSL Library, in collaboration with the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), held two workshops last year introducing faculty to OER. These workshop featured Michael Porterfield of CTL and the Library OER Coordinators, Lindsey Scales and Lena Marvin. To learn more about OER visit the library Open Educational Resources guide at <https://libguides.ums.edu/oer>.

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New Primary Source Databases Available at the Library

The UMSL Libraries have purchased new databases that provide access to a wide variety of primary source materials. One of these new databases is called Archives Unbound. Archives Unbound consists of topical-collections of full-text, primary, and historical documents. A wide-range of subjects are covered including African American history, American Indian, Asian American, LGBT, African, and Women's Studies.

Another newly acquired primary source collection is the American Antiquarian Society's Historical Periodicals Collection. This collection provides access to American periodicals from 1691—1912. Access this database to research about life in the United States from the Colonial Era through the Civil War and Reconstruction to the early twentieth century.



Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous Mercantile Library donor, we also now have access to the historic *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and *New York Times* online. These databases provide full text access to the newspapers from the beginning of their publication.

For more information about these databases and other resources, please see our Primary Sources LibGuide located on the Libraries' homepage: <https://libguides.umsl.edu/primary-sources>

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